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CONGRATULATORY TALK.

The editor feels very grateful to the people of the city who have expressed so many kind words in appreciation of his effort last week to make the initial paper under his management a good one. It takes work to get out a good, hustling, local paper and words of appreciation make a deserving man hustle more than ever. Our paper was eight pages, all home print, and outside one six-line paragraph and the advertisements, every bit of our space was filled with reading, local in nature, which would be of interest to any one in any way interested in the county.

We do not think it behooves a county newspaper to take part in national politics, leaving such matters to the daily papers, and the editor further thinks that the dishing into local politics and taking sides on religious matters only tends to cause strife among the local people, whom it is the province of the paper to try and benefit. Therefore this paper is going to stay clear of political and sectarian discussions and devote itself to the upbuilding of Randall county and its people. Its columns will be open to the people to discuss matters pertaining to our welfare, all such articles, however, subject to revision by the editor. If you want to see him make a bee line for the stove just send in political or sectarian matter. When matters arise that the editor thinks he should discuss, he will do so fearlessly, giving plainly his thoughts pertaining to the general good.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

While the policy of The News is to remain strictly neutral so far as political matters are concerned, still we feel that not enough interest is taken in some matters now before the people.

For instance we recently asked seven gentlemen as to the nature of the three amendments to the state constitution which are to be voted on at the general election in November next. These seven gentlemen were picked for the reason that they represented the average citizen, and to the surprise of the editor not one of them could tell what either

amendment purported to be and four of them did not know that they were to be voted upon.

Now these amendments were published in full in last week's issue of The News and the editor suggests that you look up the paper and read them over. One of these amendments relates to the public free schools of the state, something in which every person in the state ought to be interested, especially in view of some of the recent court decisions in this state. Post yourselves.

PLAINS LAND.

Occasionally we hear it said by persons who are looking for \$4 and \$5 land in this section of the country, that Plains land is "too high." This expression may be true or it may not. If they mean to speak of the relative value of the Plains lands as compared with other sections of the state, considering the producing power of the two, then the Plains land is not half high enough. In the first place there is no other section of the state that will compare with this in the amount and percentage of good land. In the second place there is no part of Texas that can excel the Plains in produce with the same amount of rainfall; and there are but few, if any, that have the record for uniform and regular crops that the Plains country boasts of. If we are to judge the future by the past, there is no more liability of a crop failure here than in any other portion of Texas, for Briscoe county boasts of not having had a single crop failure within ten years. We may have them in the future, but this should be convincing evidence that we are not in a drouthy area.

If the parties who say that this land is too high, mean that its value is too high for them to get it for a trifle as has been the case here, then they are right; but the man who waits for the land to decline in price before buying him a home is going to be without a home when others are enjoying comfortable homes in a delightful country and farming land valued at \$50 per acre. The day has passed for this land to be sold for \$5 per acre, and the sooner those seeking homes realize that the experimental stage of farming has passed here, the better it will be for them. Now is your chance to get cheap land. —Silverton Enterprise.

This editor came from Missouri to Texas thirty years ago and has since seen some of the best black land in Texas sell at \$9.75 per acre which now commands ready sale at from \$65.00 to \$90.00 per acre.

The Plains country looks better to the editor than the black land counties ever did and it is only a question of a very few years when he looks for lands in this portion of the state to be the highest priced in the state of Texas. This statement is not made because he is a citizen of Randall county, but because he has been a close student of the conditions in the state of Texas, and has been in position to know something of its development. In coming to this portion of the state he did so from choice, knowing that the future improvement must be in the west. No man has ever bought lands in Texas and held them that he has not made money on them if he used any judgment whatever in his purchase. You need not look for these lands to go down in price. You watch the Plains country grow.

The following article is clipped from a recent edition of the Dallas News:

J. C. McNealus, secretary of

the State Democratic Executive Committee, in commenting yesterday on the effort of R. W. Hall of Vernon to have incorporated in the Democratic platform a provision recommending that the Palo Duro Canyon be turned over to the Federal Government for a national park to the end that its natural beauties may be preserved, said:

"I am of the opinion that the state of Texas should not permit the Federal Government to secure more land in the state than it is entitled to under the constitution and that provides that it shall have only enough for its military purposes. I think, if there are to be any parks, the state of Texas is wealthy enough to provide them, and if the beauties of Palo Duro Canyon are such that they should be preserved, the state should look to it and not permit the Federal Government to encroach upon its territory."

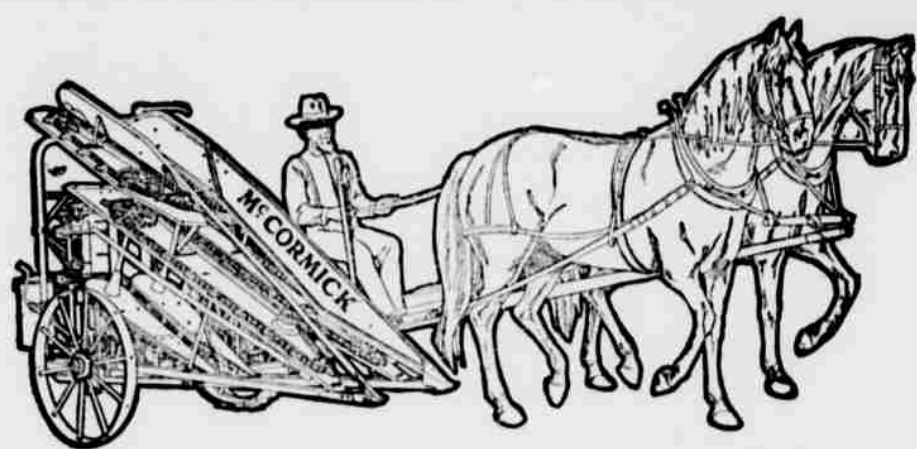
Mr. McNealus said that he had always admired the state of Texas for refusing to permit the Federal Government to acquire any large amount of its public domain when it came into the Union.

It seems that the last legislature of the state was better informed on the Palo Duro question than was the Democratic convention at San Antonio. A state park would be better than no park at all, but it seems to this editor, who knows the proposition fairly well, that the state of Texas would be tackling a proposition if it undertook the development of this park. Not that the state is not capable of overcoming huge things, but that the Canyon must and will become of national interest and for this reason would require a greater amount of expenditure than should be demanded of the single state for the benefit of the national citizens. If Mr. McNealus will form an expedition of some of the state park adherents and will pay the Palo Duro a visit, they will go back home hollering for nationalization. The editor did not know what the proposition was till he spent ten days rambling the canyon.

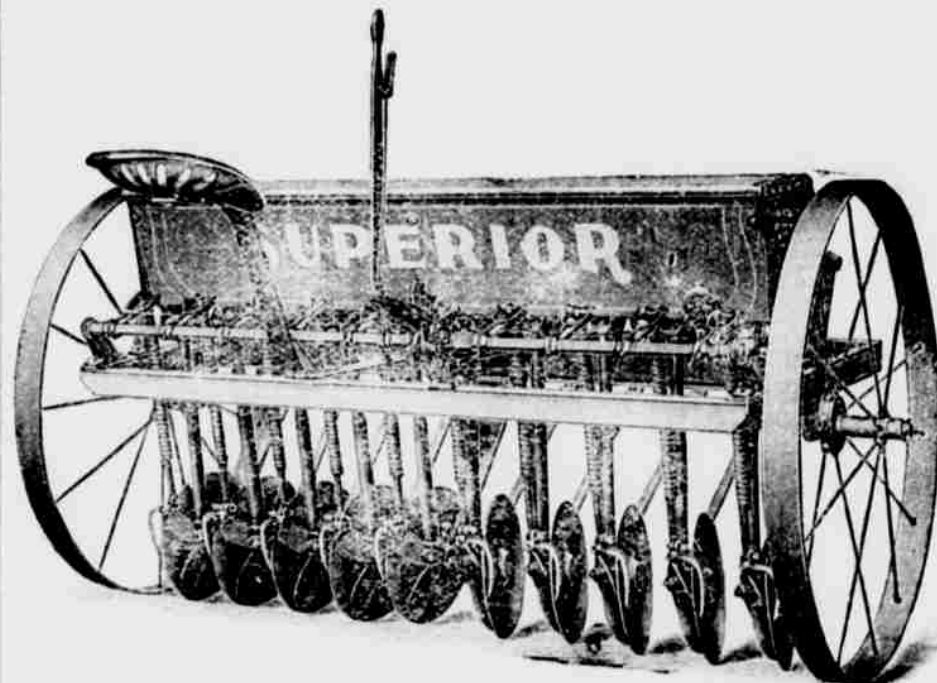
Dr. Stocking, who spent the first of the week at Canyon and also made a trip to Channing, says they were needing rain at both places, but more at Canyon. In speaking of the unsanitary conditions in the towns visited, he attributes the major portion of typhoid cases to the open, or ground surface water closets, accessible to the house flies. —Clarendon Banner.

The editor of The News does not stand around with a chip on his shoulder looking for trouble but when the health of our town is attacked he gets up in arms. While the above article does not directly indicate a large number of typhoid cases in Canyon, still the implied statement makes us want full notice given of the facts. I have direct statements from the doctors of the county (by the way, we have only four in the county) that there have been only four cases of this fever in this county since January 1, and we know that we can directly trace three of the cases as not having originated here.

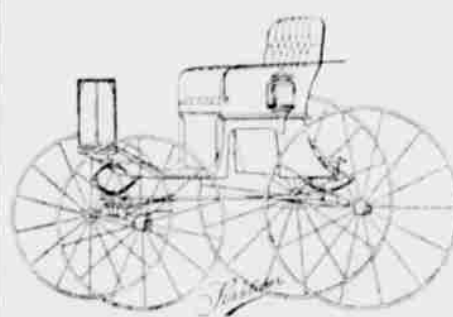
L. P. Coulter, who has been residing at San Jose, California for several years, was in our city this week with a view of locating. Mr. Coulter has determined to become a citizen of the plains country and has already sent for his family and household goods. He has not yet determined at just what point he will make his future home.



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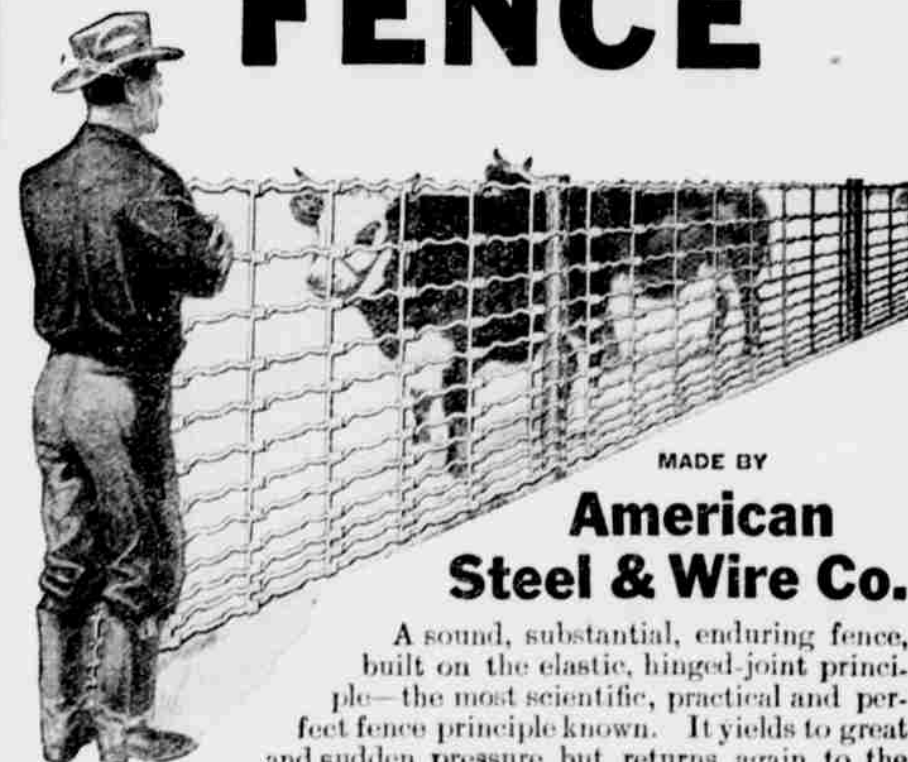


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